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CENTRE RAPS TV NETWORKS FOR AIRING GORY FOOTAGE

Calls news coverage of Rishabh Pant's accident and some other crime stories distasteful and heart wrenching

CHANNELS TOLD TO FOLLOW PROGRAMME CODE

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting advised private satellite channels to strictly follow the programme code laid down as per the law. The ministry said channels routinely air videos and images of dead bodies, injured persons with blood splattered around and people getting beaten up mercilessly, which it said offended "good taste and decency"

NO MODULATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

- It said channels often don't modulate gory videos taken from social media before showing them on loop to the viewers
- Apart from coverage of Pant's accident, other items it found disturbing include footage of a child being beaten up, a man hacking his sister to death and another dragging a dead body

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ITEMS LISTED BY THE MINISTRY AS EXAMPLES OF DISTASTEFUL CONTENT

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Vaishnaw, Irani, not Goyal, to lead Davos team

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

Ashwini Vaishnaw

Smriti Irani

THE Union government has decided that the Indian delegation for this year's annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) will not be headed by Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal.

The team for the January 16-20 meeting at Davos in Switzerland will instead be headed by Union ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Smriti Irani. While Vaishnaw is minister for railways, and electronics and information technology, Irani heads the ministries of women and child development and minority affairs.

Goyal, who is in the US to participate in the India-US Trade Policy Forum, is expected to be back by January 13, well in time to lead the delegation to the WEF. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under Goyal's ministry plays a key role in all investment-related talks at WEF meets.

INVEST INDIA

Invest India acts as the first point of reference for investors, according to its website. It aims to simplify the business environment for investors, handholding them through their investment lifecycle

The latest notice on the national investment promotion and facilitation agency — Invest India — website says that the "DPIIT has strengthened India's presence at this year's WEF in Davos for all global investors looking to make a home in India, one of the world's most liberal investment destinations."

Ironically, the department under Goyal's ministry handles India's presence at Davos, but the minister's name is missing from the list of participants. This has surprised many.

Among other Union ministers likely to accompany Vaishnaw and Irani are Anurag Thakur, minister for information and broadcasting, and youth affairs and sports, and Mansukh Mandaviya, minister for health and family welfare, and chemicals and fertilizers.

Besides them, delegations from various states would also attend. They include a team from Uttar Pradesh led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The Maharashtra team comprises Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis. Teams from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu are also expected to take part in the five-day meet at the alpine resort town.

The high-level Indian delegation will strengthen India's position at the WEF 2023 as an important stakeholder shaping the global narrative.

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Over the course of five days, Invest India has organised several roundtables, panel discussions and fireside chats to deliberate on policy action and investment support in renewable energy, sustainability, infrastructure, healthcare and medical devices, startups, trade and logistics, technology, institutional investments, etc.

The theme of this year's meet is "Cooperation in a Fragmented World".

Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi walks out of Assembly on Monday after CM MK Stalin moves a resolution on his speech| ANI

TN Guv walks out over Stalin's resolution

T MURUGANANDHAM & S KUMARESAN @ Chennai

THE face-off between Governor RN Ravi and the DMK government led by Chief Minister MK Stalin reached a crescendo in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday. The governor walked out of the House before the national anthem was played in protest of a resolution moved by the CM urging the speaker to take on House record only the text of Ravi's speech which had been approved by the Cabinet and provided to members in English booklets as well as the Tamil translation of the speech read out by the speaker. He said the remarks made by the governor deviating from the prepared speech should be ignored. Both the CM's resolution and the Governor's walkout are unprecedented in the history of the Assembly.

The portions skipped by Ravi hail the Dravidian model government in TN, mention a "stellar management of law and order", and say "the State continues to be a haven of peace and tranquillity". Instead, Ravi made remarks that included a reference to Swami Vivekananda.

Stalin moved the resolution as soon as Speaker M Appavu completed reading the Tamil translation of the address. "The text of the speech was already approved by the governor and given to members as printed books and uploaded in their computers. Though the governor has been acting against the Dravidian model principles, that is totally unacceptable to us, we did not register protest in deference to House rules."

Religious texts, satvik food in schools soon

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

SCHOOLS across the state are likely to see satvik food and value education with a focus on devotion to God through texts from various religions being introduced in moral science classes from the academic year 2023-24.

School Education and Literacy Minister BC Nagesh confirmed this saying that they arrived at this decision after taking inputs from about 50 experts at a high-level round-table conference. The conference aimed at 'enabling children to adopt good health and values' and 'teaching devotion to God'.

He said the round-table conference comprised academicians, heads of institutions and religious leaders and discussed the implementation of value education in schools.

"All the participants at the meeting expressed the opinion that there is an urgent need to implement value education in schools. Opinions were collected from almost everyone who participated in the meeting, both online and offline. Based on the points expressed in this meeting, methods of implementing value education will be discussed and finalised in meetings organised at the departmental level," he said. P4

EXPRESS READ

Siddaramaiah says will contest from Kolar seat

Kolar: Congress Legislative Party leader Siddaramaiah said he will contest the upcoming Assembly elections from Kolar. "However, the party high command will take the final decision," he announced at a rally here on Monday | P4

Contractors to BBMP: Clear ₹2,700 cr dues

Bengaluru: Members of BBMP contractors' association gathered in large numbers, raised slogans and beat drums, demanding that the corporation settle their Rs 2,700 crore dues, pending since 2020 | P2

Joshimath cracks: Army in as 678 homes unsafe

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

SDRF personnel examining cracks in a house in Joshimath on Monday | PTI

WITH more buildings developing cracks in Joshimath, the Army has been put on standby for rescue and relief operations. This is apart from a team of the National Disaster Response Force and four teams of the State Disaster Response Force that have already been deployed on the ground.

The total count of subsidence-affected homes rose to 678 on Monday while 27 more families were evacuated. In all, 82 families have been shifted to safe locations in the town.

Hundreds of cross marks in red on structures indicating those declared unsafe gave a sense of the enormity of the crisis. Many are still staying in their unsafe houses.

Joshimath is important from a strategic perspective as it is about 100 km from the Line of Actual Control with China.

Sources attributed the subsistence to the use of silent explosives by construction workers. "To avoid attention, silent explosives were used by construction workers, which accentuated the problem," they said. "The cracks seen on ground are dotted on an arc, moving north to south and the water emerging out of the cracks is dirty," they pointed out. P9

SC ASKS PETITIONER TO LIST PLEA TODAY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has asked a petitioner, who has sought the court's intervention to declare the crisis in Uttarakhand's Joshimath as a national disaster, to mention his plea for urgent listing on Tuesday. The plea has also sought direction to the National Disaster Management Authority to actively support the residents of Joshimath. P9

B'luru to soon have its first evening post office

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

HERE'S some good news for the public. A new *Sanje Anche Kacheri* (Evening Post Office) is all set to be opened on Museum Road Sub Post Office next Monday (January 16) which will function from 3 pm to 9 pm. It will be the second such office in the state after the first one opened in Dharwad in mid-November 2022.

Chief Post Master General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle, S Rajendra Kumar, told *The New Indian Express*, "We decided to open the evening office in Bengaluru owing to demand from the public. As of now, except the General Post Office (GPO) and the Rail Mail Service post office, the remaining post offices in the city close by 3 pm. By the time many people prepare a parcel and reach the office for dispatch, they find it shut. The new office will prevent many people from getting disappointed." CONTINUED ON: P5

DGCA raps AI for not reporting other incidents

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Monday issued another show cause notice to Air India, this time for not reporting two incidents of passenger misbehaviour that occurred aboard its December 6 Paris-Delhi flight.

While the crew members of the flight caught a drunken passenger smoking in the plane's lavatory, another flier peed on a fellow passenger's blanket.

"Air India didn't report the incidents until the DGCA sought the incident report from them. After perusal of the reply... it emerges that provisions related to handling of an unruly passenger... have not been complied with. It has been noted that the response of the airline has been lackadaisical and delayed," the DGCA said.

It asked the airline why an enforcement action should not be taken against it for dereliction of its regulatory obligations. Air India has been given two weeks to submit is reply.

The DGCA said airlines must report unruly passenger behaviours within 12 hours of the flight's landing. P10

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Sri V. Sunil Kumar

Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Kannada and Culture and Minister In-charge of Dakshinaka Kannada District

In the august presence of

Sri Nalin Kumar Kateel

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Dakshinaka Kannada District Lok Sabha Constituency

Presided by

Sri D Vedavyas Kamath

Hon'ble MLA, Mangaluru South Assembly Constituency

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Mangaluru City Assembly Constituency

Dr. Y. Bharath Shetty

Hon'ble MLA

Mangaluru North Assembly Constituency

All are Welcome

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Chairman, KSHDCL, Bengaluru

D. Roopa Moudgil, IPS

Managing Director, KSHDCL, Bengaluru

Inauguration: Date: 10.01.2023, Tuesday at 11.00 AM

Venue: Woodlands Hotel, Bunts Hostel Road, Mangaluru-575003

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